

Larry Wolfe

Larry Wolfe began his career with the City of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department in 1973 as a Recreation Supervisor. He was named Recreation Superintendent in 1976 and Assistant Parks & Recreation Director in 1980. In 1994, Larry was promoted to Parks & Recreation Director and held that position until his retirement in December 2007.

During his tenure with the City, Larry saw the development of 21 parks, pools and facilities:

	Park, Pool, Facility	Year Opened	Position Held
1.	Fremont Park	1973	Recreation Supervisor
2.	Community Recreation Center	1976	Recreation Superintendent
3.	Henry Schmidt Park	1977	Recreation Superintendent
4.	Montague Swim Center	1976	Recreation Superintendent
5.	Fairway Glen Park	1980	Assistant Director
6.	Jenny Strand Park	1987	Assistant Director
7.	Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club	1987	Assistant Director
8.	Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center	1990	Assistant Director
9.	Lick Mill Park	1991	Assistant Director
10.	Fuller Street Park	1999	Director
11.	Santa Clara Skate Park	1999	Director
12.	War Memorial Playground	1999	Director
13.	Ulistac Natural Area	2000	Director
14.	Santa Clara Teen Center	2003	Director
15.	Live Oak Park	2004	Director
16.	Youth Soccer Park	2005	Director
17.	Thamien Park	2006	Director
18.	Geoff Goodfellow Sesquicentennial Park	2006	Director
19.	Ray G. Gamma Dog Park	2007	Director
20.	Mission City Center for Performing Arts	2007	Director
21.	Senior Center renovation and expansion	2007	Director

In 1995, City Manager Jennifer Sparacino commended Larry for his work in Santa Clara neighborhoods. In 1999, the Santa Clara Swim Club head coach Dick Jochum complimented Larry on his “efforts, help and expertise to make their club’s events successful.” In 1999, Larry was commended by the City Manager Jennifer Sparacino for “the fine work in developing and completing the Skate Park Project, in conjunction with the Youth Commission from initial concept to the opening dedication.”

In 2001, City Manager Jennifer Sparacino commended Larry for all of the work he did to help the City of Santa Clara become an All American City. In 2002, City Manager Jennifer Sparacino commended Larry for his successful work on a \$55,000 grant for the Ulistac Natural Area from the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. In 2002, the Director of Human Resources Rene Rungis expressed her appreciation to City Manager Jennifer Sparacino for Larry’s assistance with the 2002 Santa Clara Relay for Life. In 2003, City Manager Jennifer Sparacino commended Larry for the completion of the Santa

Clara Sesquicentennial Year. In 2003, Rotary Club of Santa Clara President Bob Ricks thanked Mayor Patricia Mahan for Larry's support at the 3rd annual Rotary Cup Soccer Tournament. In 2004, the Mission City Opera Board of Directors thanked City Manager Jennifer Sparacino for all city employees who work at the Senior Center. Specifically, it was noted that Larry was "very responsive and tolerant of the many changes and, in particular, he rapidly arranged for the elimination of a safety hazard." In 2004, City Manager Jennifer Sparacino received a letter from the Santa Clara Pony Baseball thanking Larry for his ongoing support for the Pony program, and other such activities that offer children active and wholesome fun in the community. In 2007, Larry received a letter from Stan Garber, Principal of Juan Cabrillo Middle School, complimenting his hiring of staff at the Youth Activity Center and Teen Center. After retirement, Larry continued to serve as emcee at Showtime, a Santa Clara Women's League fundraiser, as well as at memorial events for veterans.